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To: Commissioner of the Prices Oversight Commission

REGARDING BLIND CONCESSIONS ON PUBLIC TRANSPORT

I wish to make a submission to the prices Oversight Commission in regard to the Review of Public Transport.

The problem is this: Metro provides free travel for the legally blind persons within their area. However, Hobart Coaches, who operate within and outside the Hobart metropolitan area only provide a half-fare concession on their buses (like to New Norfolk), but not free travel for blind persons.

This discrepancy in concessions has no apparent basis in fairness or consistency. Travel from New Norfolk to Glenorchy or Hobart by bus requires a fare for a blind person and a full fare for an accompanying adult, except when accompanying result is a pensioner.

The buses used seem no different to Metro and are maintained by them.

Yours sincerely

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